



Counties currently offering classes:

- Berkeley
- Cabell
- Greenbrier
- Hancock
- Hardy
- Harrison
- Kanawha
- Logan
- Mercer
- Monongalia
- Nicholas
- Ohio
- Putnam
- Raleigh
- Upshur
- Wood



For additional information including the fall schedule, visit the ACDS website

www.wvacds.org

Fall 2021 Semester Changes

We were excited to resume in-person classes for the Fall 2021 semester. However, even before the semester officially began we were faced with complications from the COVID-19 virus. Many programs were temporarily closed and many students were quarantined. Although, we had plans to enroll students in virtual lessons while they were quarantined, it soon

became apparent that this would be a challenge for us to keep up with. After consulting with our Executive Council Committee we decided to move the Fall 2021 semester back to a virtual format.

Some students were disappointed and some were thankful. We too had mixed emotions. We know that students benefit from in-person instruction, but

at the same time we thought the constant switching between in-person and virtual could be confusing. Of course, we also wanted students and instructors to be as safe as possible and we didn't want ACDS class to add to an already stressful time.

We hope you all have a safe and successful semester. ~ *Jennifer*

“For adult education, nothing beats children.” ~ author unknown

What Are ACEs?

ACEs stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences, which are events that happen in our formative years that can have an impact on our future lives. Examples of these types of events include physical and emotional abuse, neglect, caregiver mental illness, and household violence. It is believed that the more

ACEs someone experiences the more likely he or she is to experience consequences in adulthood, like diabetes, heart disease, poor academic success, and substance abuse. There is an ACEs quiz that can be taken to determine ones number of adverse experiences. There are 10 traumas evaluated on the quiz, 5

are personal and 5 are related to family.

In recent years, studies in WV have started looking at the correlation between adults with high ACEs scores and the drug epidemic.

We will soon be adding more information about ACEs into the ACDS curriculum.

Virtual Class Registration



In future semesters, we will offer both in-person and virtual classes. We will only offer a few virtual classes and the number of students per class will be limited to 15.

Students in counties and county clusters that do not offer in-person classes will have priority in registering for virtual classes. This is necessary because some areas of our state do not have enough early childhood programs to maintain students for an in-person class. Virtual

classes are the best solution for including those areas.

Of course, if there are spaces available in the virtual classes we will gladly offer the spots to other students. Students will be permitted into the virtual classes based upon request and the date registration is completed. The first to complete the registration process will have priority in filling any remaining spots in the virtual courses. We will

not know if spots are available until after registration has closed for the semester. If spots are available, students will be contacted and asked if they would like to switch to a virtual format. Please do not assume that because you marked a virtual request on your registration form that you are automatically enrolled virtually.



We are strongly encouraging counties that have not traditionally had enough students to offer in-person classes to enroll in our virtual classes. Now that we have developed and tested virtual lessons, we want to offer the program to every county across the state. Help us spread the word that no matter what county you live in, ACDS is now available to you.

Registration

There are 3 steps in registering for ACDS classes. These steps must be completed by the registration deadline date set for each semester. For the upcoming schedule visit the ACDS website. The steps are:

1. Complete the orientation that corresponds to the semester you will be entering. The orientations are on the WV STARS training calendar. They can be easily found by searching self-paced courses.
2. Starting with the Spring 2021 semester, the registration form will be embedded into the
3. Submit \$25.00 registration fee. We accept checks and credit/debit cards. This must be paid prior to the registration deadline. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure the payment has been made.

orientation. Students will be prompted to answer the questions from the registration form one at a time. The answers will automatically be submitted when the student completes the orientation.

process. Start the process as soon as you know you will be participating in the following semester. Delaying registration will make the process more stressful than it need be.

Registrations submitted after the set deadline will not be accepted. In order to give instructors lists of their students and to begin the semester on time, registration must be completed on time. Please note the registration deadline on your calendar and set a reminder ~ Thank you

Please do not wait until the deadline day to begin this



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Testimony

"I gained more knowledge than I thought I would. I had no idea there was so much about children that I did not know."

~ Anonymous student

Questions and Answers

• Where do I send payment?

Students can pay the registration fee with check, money order, debit or credit card. When paying with check or money order please make payable to RVCDS and mail to ACDS 611 7th Avenue Huntington, WV 25701. When paying with a credit/debit card you must fill out the credit card transaction form and submit to ACDS by mailing to the above address or emailing to wvacds@rvcds.org.

• How will I know I am registered?

Once you have completed the orientation and submitted the payment and registration form you are registered. It is the student's responsibility to follow up on registration. Students need to communicate with their employer to ensure that payment has been made prior to the registration deadline. This is not the instructor's or ACDS staff's responsibility.



"It easier to build strong children than to repair broken men"

~Fredrick Douglass